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SUBJECT: MOSCOW WANTS IN ON OIL NEGOTIATIONS

MOSCOW HAS DROPPED ITS FIRST HINT THAT IT IS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN ANY INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS ON OIL PROBLEMS. SOVIET OIL SPECIALIST BORIS RACHKOV TOLD REUTERS YESTERDAY THAT MOSCOW FAVORED THE IDEA OF AN INTERNATIONAL OIL CONFERENCE BUT ONE THAT WOULD BE MORE REPRESENTATIVE THAN THE CONFERENCE PROPOSED BY PRESIDENT NIXON. RACHKOV, IN EFFECT, INDICATED THAT ANY COUNTRY WITH AN INTEREST IN OIL SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN A CONFERENCE.

RACHKOV SAID THAT MOSCOW HOPED THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE A PIECEMEAL APPROACH TO THE PRESENT OIL PROBLEM, AND THAT NO ONE

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